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Federal Election Commission
Jeff S. Jordan,
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999 E. Street, NW
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RE: MUR 5126

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing you this letter in my capacity as the attorney for the Mike Ross for Congress Committee, Herman Brown as treasurer. The Campaign will forward the form advising that our firm will be representing it in this matter.

The Campaign received a letter from the Commission dated November 1, 2000, which included a letter from Donald F. McGann, II, General Counsel of the National Republican Congressional Committee dated October 25, 2000.

Obviously, the information in Mr. McGann's letter, along with its timing, demonstrate that the NRCC's Complaint was politically motivated. The letter itself was filed in the waning days of the political campaign here in the Fourth Congressional District in the State of Arkansas. Mike Ross is now the Congressman-elect from this District.

The contribution in question was reimbursement for debt which was incurred during the Primary. This involved the repayment of a personal loan paid by the candidate himself. The money was accepted in order to retire this debt and was, therefore, not in violation of any laws or regulations.

There was no money left when the campaign completed the Primary. Therefore, it was proper to raise money to pay off debts that were incurred during the primary. There was also a runoff following the primary which allowed the candidate to receive additional contributions.

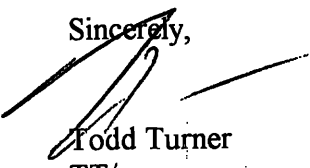
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you need additional information. Thank you for your kindness and assistance.

Sincerely,



Todd Turner
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cc: Congressman-elect Mike Ross

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